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Crews are tearing down the old Earl's sporting goods store on the corner of Niedringhaus and Cleveland. Granite City owns the building.

Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Changing landscape

Demolition is part of Downtown strategy

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The Downtown Granite City landscape is seeing yet another change as a longtime feature is torn down.

The old, city-owned Earl's sporting goods store on the corner of Niedringhaus and Cleveland is coming down, brick by brick, as part of a city strategy to help downtown.

"We take what we can, and save what we can," said Mayor Ron Selph. Earl's was one of those that needed to come down.

"Empty, vacant buildings are fire traps," Selph said, and the city doesn't want anyone to get hurt in them. The old Woolworth building at 13th and Edison, torn down in a few years ago — the land now hosts a parking lot — was one such example. That building was "pretty dangerous," Selph said.

City officials don't have a policy of tearing down everything in sight, Selph said. For example, the Central Bank building was given to the city, but instead of tearing it down, the building was rehabbed.

The city does have ideas for downtown, and is

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City foresees jobs bonanza

TIF plan will pave way for development, officials say

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Granite City officials hope to increase the city's assessed valuation and create 5,000 high paying jobs under a new industrial TIF.

The city council unanimously approved Tuesday night the creation of the tax increment financing district along the city's Highway 3 corridor. The district will exist for 23 years, and is expected to raise the city's assessed valuation by almost \$74 million.

"We're doing this to provide industry and jobs to the entire area," said Dan Brown, the city's economic developer.

"I anticipate tremendous growth in our area in the next 10 years or so," said Mayor Ron Selph. "This TIF will enable Granite City to offer developers buildable land in Granite City at a fraction of the cost of an Earth City (a development in St. Louis County) or

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Mayor Ron Selph

even the ... development at (Highway 111 and Interstate) 270."

Selph said the land — and by extension, the city — is a prime location for development because it is within minutes of four major highways, under an hour from St. Louis Lambert International Airport and the MidAmerica Airport, has the Tri-City port at its doorstep and is interlaced with numerous

(See JOBS, Page 6A)

John's CD moving fast

Cassette tapes and compact discs of pop star Elton John's song honoring the memory of Princess Diana moved fast and furiously from area music stores this week.

Many music stores nationwide opened just after midnight Tuesday to sell copies of John's "Candle in the Wind 1997."

It is a rewritten version of "Candle in the Wind," a song about Marilyn

Monroe first released on John's "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" album.

"Crazy," is how John Henderson, manager of Vintage Vinyl in Granite City, described the response. Copies of the recording were on sale at the Granite City store beginning Wednesday.

"We got them in today, finally, after a delay," he said.

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Hamm to make bid on property

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The city of Madison will be shopping for some property as part of a plan to improve housing in the city.

At Tuesday's meeting the council approved allowing Mayor John Hamm to bid on tax-delinquent properties in the city that are being sold at a county auction Oct. 8.

If the city is successful, the properties would be used for the construction of single-family homes within the city.

Properties taken over by the county for delinquent tax payments will be auctioned beginning at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Holiday Inn on Homer Adams Parkway in Alton.

The council gave Hamm per-

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mission to bid up to \$1,500 on individual properties, with a cap of \$10,000.

Hamm said Wednesday that city officials have been looking at specific properties. If successful, he said, the city would then encourage developers to place homes on the lots.

The city is looking for lots at least 50 by 100 feet. One of the problems with new development in many residential areas is that the old homes were built on lots much smaller than required today.

The city would then work with community development and private developers to build new homes.

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3 cheers

Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Former cheerleaders from Madison High School classes of the 1940s — from left, George Giuka, Alice (Krieschok) Young, Georgia Mircheff and Marianne (Nizinski) Perry — lead more than 260 people in a rendition of the school's fight song. The sing-a-long came at the reunion of the Madison High classes from 1927 to 1948. Accompanying the singers is the Joey James Orchestra. More photos on Page 5A.

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John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDK-TV Channel 5

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
76° 57°	78° 59°	77° 61°	75° 60°

Faces

Rae Swalley

Rae Swalley of Granite City has been selected to receive the 1997-98 Woman of the '90s Scholarship.

Available through the Belleville Area College Foundation, the \$500 scholarship is awarded to a female student at least 17 years old who is preparing for a career employable at either Memorial Hospital or Belleville Area College.



City adds two police officers

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Two officers have joined the Granite City Police Department, bringing the force total to 55.

The new officers are Steve Winstan, 24, and Oran Cookembo, 28. They began training at Belleville Area Police Academy last Friday.

A federally-funded COFS hiring grant made the hirings possible. The grant pays \$150,000 over three years for the officers' salaries. Granite

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City had hired one other officer two years ago under the federal program.

"I am very proud of our City Council and mayor for allowing the department to expand in this fashion," said Granite City Police Chief David Ruehausen.

"It has long been a goal of the mayor's, since taking office, to increase the size of

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NEWS

NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Journals.

Madison Schools put on Watch list

After recently being removed from the Illinois State Board of Education's financial watch list, the Madison School District is back in the spotlight after two of its schools were listed on the state's academic watch list.

But while test scores in the District are low, Superintendent Gary Allison said the state has failed to take note of other factors, and has not provided any additional funding to make improvements.

The list, released last Thursday, is based on Illinois Goal Assessment Program test scores.

Those same scores are used in the school report cards, which will be delivered to the board in October and later distributed to students.

Madison Middle School and Madison High School were among 128 named to the list.

Venice High School and three schools in the Lovejoy School District — Lovejoy Elementary, Lovejoy Junior High and Lovejoy High School — were also named to the list.

Schools are named to the watch list if more than 50 percent of students tested are scored as having not met state standards, or test scores go down three years in a row.

Joe Willie Roberts remembered

A large crowd gathered at Venice High School Sunday to pay their respects to Joe Willie Roberts.

Roberts, 61, of Eagle Park died Sept. 15 at his home. Through his Joe Willie Roberts Youth Foundation, Roberts helped provide summer recreation for kids in the Madison, Venice and Eagle Park areas for many years.

EPA cleanup half complete

Cleanup in residential areas near the NL Industries-Taracorp Superfund site in Granite City almost has reached the halfway mark. The Environmental Protection Agency has by now cleaned up more than 500 residential yards, where lead contamination from smelter stack emissions was found at unsafe levels.

The EPA estimates between 1,000 and 1,200 yards will ultimately be cleaned up. Residents can expect work in a 5-square-mile area, roughly between 8th Street on the south, 23rd Street on the north, Meredocia and Spruce on the west and Lee and Cambridge on the east.

Residents unsure whether their yards qualify for cleanup should call Sheri Blanchin or Brad Bradley at (800) 621-6431.

MS Walk Saturday

A brother-and-sister team — Ray Angle, assistant director of the Saint Louis University Career Center, and Darletha Lesar, owner/operator of Little People Day Care — will co-chair Saturday's National Multiple Sclerosis Society's MS Walk in Wilson Park.

Walkers raise funds by collecting flat fees (or pledges per mile walked) from family, friends and co-workers, and can either walk individually or in teams of at least four. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Wilson Park shelter #7 and the walk will begin at 9 a.m.

Participants can choose how many laps they wish to walk around the park. All walkers who raise a minimum of \$75 will receive an MS Walk T-shirt. Additional prizes will be awarded to fund-raisers who collect pledges ranging from \$150 to \$5,000. The top fund-raiser from the combined community will win two round-trip tickets to any Southwest Airline destination.

Safety video shooting wraps up

About 20 students, four actors and the video crew spent much of Monday morning in the Madison High School library, taping interview scenes for "Byron's Last Day," a 13- to 15-minute safety video for Operation Lifesaver. Monday was the last of three days of filming for the project.

The video is about pedestrian safety at railroad crossings and the dangers of trespassing on railroad property. It is geared toward youths in urban areas.

The video production is funded by a \$25,000 grant from Operation Lifesaver, and will be distributed to the program's state coordinators for use during safety presentations.

Health Fair is Friday at Pontoon Senior Hall

Free services, exhibits and a magician will be offered at the annual Nameoki Township Health Fair.

The fair will be held at the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Hall, 13 Lily Ave., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Services offered include cholesterol screening, blood sugar analysis, influenza vaccination, and blood pressure and pulse screening.

Exhibits include a wellness/fitness center, nutrition education, smoking cessation, woman's health issues, stress management, and pulmonary function testing.

Magician Brian Ballard, sponsored by Advantira, will perform during the fair.

The fair is sponsored by Nameoki Township, with the assistance of St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Providence Health Services.

Proof of residency within the township is required. Free transportation to the event is being provided by the Madison County Transit District. For a ride call 931-7433.

For information about the health fair call the township office at 931-1290.

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Technicality disrupts trial

Venice man's battery charge is dismissed by judge

Special to the Journal

A Venice man avoided having to stand trial on an aggravated battery charge Tuesday because the written charge failed to identify an alleged victim.

A jury was selected Tuesday in Madison County Circuit Court for the trial of Angelo D. Baker, 39, on a charge that was intended to allege he had severely beaten a Glen Carbon man on July 30.

After jury selection, however, Baker's lawyer, Thomas Hildebrand, moved for dismissal of the charge, arguing it was defective. Circuit Judge Charles Romani agreed and dismissed it, saying it was too late for the state to amend the charge.

"I didn't have any choice," Romani said. The judge said such occurrences are rare, but he could not specifically recall a similar situation in his career as a judge.

The purported charge was in a grand jury indictment handed up Aug. 21. The indictment doesn't identify an alleged victim and doesn't say how injuries allegedly

were inflicted. It says the victim suffered bodily harm but not "great bodily harm," as required for aggravated battery.

Hildebrand said Baker can't be prosecuted again because of constitutional protections against double jeopardy.

"He became very thankful," Hildebrand said of his client's reaction to the outcome of the case. "He wasn't heartbroken."

Baker remains in the Madison County Jail, however, pending parole violation proceedings. He was paroled in 1993 after serving prison time for a 1976 murder in Madison.

Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Jack Daugherty said the state's attorney's office switched computer systems last week that the indictment was drafted, but he admitted the buck stops with him.

"I should have reviewed it," he said. "If push comes to shove, it's my responsibility."

Daugherty's boss, State's Attorney William Haine, said there will be a review of

the way indictments are drafted in the office and a review of pending indictments to make sure they are properly worded.

Haine said Daugherty showed admirable initiative in seeking to prosecute Baker when the alleged victim, Anthony Ragsdale, and other witnesses were uncooperative.

Ragsdale had to be forcibly brought to the courthouse Tuesday after he refused the accept service of a subpoena to testify, Daugherty said.

"It's not a case I was likely to win," Daugherty said. "I had to subpoena every single witness."

He said he thought it was important to prosecute because of the nature of the crime and Baker's criminal history.

Daugherty said he would have tried to prove that Baker and two unidentified men beat Ragsdale on the head with a board.

— From The Telegraph

Board approves \$125,000 tax levy

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A \$125,000 tax levy was approved by the Pontoon Beach Village Board Tuesday.

The levy — about 25 percent higher than this year's extension — will be used to pay Social Security and retirement benefits for village workers and will cost property owners an extra \$1,820 this year.

The board voted 5-1 in favor of the levy ordinance. Trustee Randy Presswood voted no.

At a public hearing on Aug. 26, it was explained that because the village's population now exceeds 5,000, it must create a police pension fund and move money from its participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund to the new fund. The cost of the new pension fund is slightly higher than the IMRF, and will be paid for by the increase in property tax.

Almost all of the property taxes levied by the village go to employee retirement funds.

A recent special census showed the village has approximately 5,200 residents, requiring the change.

A vote on the levy had been tabled from the last board meeting.

Trustee Gus Falter motioned

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Tuesday for a first reading of the tax levy ordinance, but that motion died for a lack of a second.

If an ordinance or resolution is only given a first reading, it cannot be approved until the next meeting.

Trustee Bob Abel then made a motion to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Trustee Irene Karlechik said she was reluctantly voting in favor of the levy, and said after the vote that she thought the increased cost could have been taken care of another way.

The board also approved an ordinance setting the pay for police commissioners.

Because of the increase in population, a police commission must be appointed to handle the hiring, firing and disciplining of officers.

Commission members will receive \$100 per month.

Mayor Glen Wilson also appointed two of the three members of the commission. Appointed were Linda McFarland and Don McNew.

Wilson said he would make his third appointment in the near future.

Voter registration is open

Anyone needing to register or reregister to vote should call Nameoki Township Town Clerk Helen Hawkins at the township office at 931-1230.

To be eligible to vote, residents must be at least 18 years old, have lived at their present address for 30 days and be a citizen of the United States. The last day to register is Oct. 6.

Any qualified elector of Nameoki Township having duly registered who expects to be absent from the county or who because of physical incapacity will be unable to be present at the polls on election day is entitled to vote by absentee ballot at the township office.

The township office, 4250 Highway 162, is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays for this service.

POLICE BEAT

Venice

ARMED ROBBERY: Venice police are still trying to identify a suspect who allegedly took \$50 during an armed robbery at the McKinley Bridge late Friday.

According to police, at about 10 p.m., a white car with several occupants came up to the bridge's toll plaza, a subject got out of the car and demanded money from a toll collector.

The collector, who fled, said one of the suspects displayed a "large caliber handgun."

Police said Monday they would be viewing security tapes to help identify the suspect.

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STOLEN AUTO/AWOL: Jason D. Middleton of Granite City was charged with felony offenses for allegedly stealing a car in Virginia.

According to police reports, Middleton told police he had been stationed at Fort Story, Va., in the U.S. Army when he left the fort without permission in his friend's car on Sept. 9. He was in custody in Madison County Jail with bond set at \$30,000.

OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE: Craig Reynolds of Granite City was charged with obstructing justice for telling police, after he was in custody, that he was his brother.

According to police reports, Reynolds told police he was his brother because he believed police had a warrant out on him. When he discovered his brother had two warrants, Craig told the desk officer his real identity, and he was released after Craig's sister produced proof of Craig's identity. As of Wednesday he was being held in Madison County Jail on \$15,000 bond.

THEFT: A Yamaha Keyboard Piano valued at \$390.95 and a Yamaha Power Pack valued at \$100 were among those items reported stolen Sept. 19 by person or persons unknown from St. John's Lutheran

Church in Granite City.

Sometime between 4 p.m. Sept. 21 and 9:30 a.m. Sept. 22, someone stole groceries from an unlocked trailer parked on the lot at Lanter Co., 1603 State. Stolen were seven cases of sliced beef, three cases of whole turkey, a case of strawberries, a case of orange juice, a case of eggs, two cases of turkey ham, two cases of cooked ham, and one case of chicken, with a total value of \$776.84. Police are investigating.

ARSON: Someone set fire to the playground equipment at Western Park sometime in the evening of Sept. 22. The Granite City Fire Department extinguished a small blaze that damaged the rubber covering of a playground platform. Police are investigating.

Madison

ESCAPE ARREST: A St. Louis man wanted for escaping from the St. Louis Community Release Center was arrested after a traffic stop by Madison police Tuesday.

Kenneth Pirie, 41, was a passenger in a car stopped after a Madison officer saw the car make an illegal turn on to Edwardsville Road.

The driver of the car was given a verbal warning.

No further information was available.

DUI: A Godfrey man was charged with DUI and other traffic violations after being stopped by Madison police Monday evening.

Daniel L. Holden, 36, of Godfrey was charged with DUI, driving with an expired registration, illegal swerving of tires and driving in the wrong lane.

According to police reports, at about 11 p.m. Monday an officer on another car noticed a car traveling westbound in the eastbound lane of Collinsville Avenue.

After the vehicle was stopped, Holden allegedly failed a field sobriety test. Later at the Madison police station, tests showed he had a blood-alcohol level of .18.

Funeral home wins designation

Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, has been designated as a National Funeral Directors Association "Consumer Assured" funeral home, placing it among only a few hundred such homes across the country.

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People



The Madison Banquet Hall at the Collinsville Holiday Inn was filled to capacity with Madison High grads from three decades.



Georgia Mircheff and Marianne (Nizinski) Pope relive their school days as cheerleaders.

Celebrating the good times at Madison High School



The Reunion Committee and their guests at the head table before the banquet. From left to right, front row, John Palcheff, class of '42, and his wife LaVerne, Shirley Rapoff, class of '45, Dorothy and Stan Serwatka, classes of '47 and '46 respectively, and, back row, Bob Blattner, class of '43, Georgia Mircheff, class of '44, and Tom Skerle.



George Giuka and Alice (Krieshek) Young sing their alma mater's fight song at the reunion. In their Madison High days they were cheerleaders.

Staff photos by JOHN FRESE



Bob Blattner, a member of Madison High School class of '43, and part of the committee organizing the reunion, presents reunion committee chairwoman Georgia Mircheff with a bouquet as a token of appreciation of the work required to assemble more than 260 graduates for the event.



Jene (Best) Lybarger, class of '46, and her husband Charles, class of '45, take to the dance floor at the Madison High reunion. The Rev. Jimmy-Lybarger was also on hand to applaud the efforts of the reunion committee and the attendance of the rest of the grads before delivering the invocation.

Plans unveiled for Lewis & Clark memorial

Special to the Journal

WOOD RIVER — The Wood River Heritage Council envisions the day that visitors can experience a trip back in time at a historic site commemorating Lewis and Clark.

The council has unveiled a plan for a replica — or as close to a replica as possible — of the famous explorers' campsite of 1804 at the mouth of the Wood River, where many historians say their expedition began.

Heritage Council President LaWanda Smith asked the City Council last Tuesday for five acres to build the site on, but several council members expressed doubt.

The 5-acre tract chosen by the Heritage Council is at the back of the city's Envirotech Business Park, at Illinois Routes 3 and 148.

The project has an initial cost estimate of \$670,000. It would include a nature trail, a maintenance shed, gift shop and a roughly built, fortlike structure modeled after the one Lewis and Clark are believed to have built here.

Although the explorers left little detail about the fort, there are some sketchy observations about it in their journal.

Smith said the site would be very rustic.

"The most important thing would be to try-

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LaWanda Smith
Heritage president

ing to depict a feeling of walking back in time," Smith said. "We would try to show the kind of things that Lewis and Clark would have seen, such as native plants and how they provide food and shelter."

Similar fort "replicas" already have been built in Washburn, N.D., and Astoria, Ore., where Lewis and Clark spent the winters of 1804-1805 and 1805-1806.

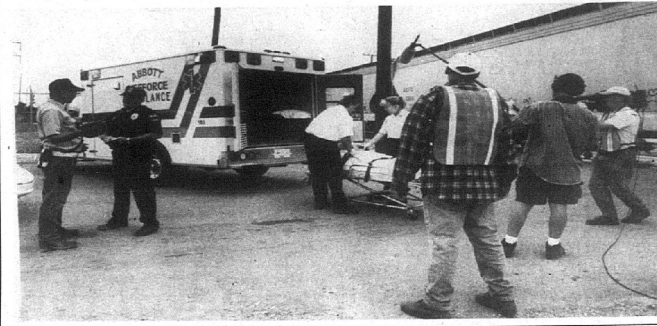
— From The Telegraph

Safety first



Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE

Emergency workers load a "body" into an ambulance Monday during filming of a railroad-safety video for Operation Lifesaver. The body is supposed to be that of the video's main character, "Byron," who is killed while trying to crawl under a train blocking his way. The video, "Byron's Last Day," calls attention to the dangers of trespassing in railroad yards.



CD

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By about noon approximately 50 CDs and 25 cassettes had been sold.

"It's huge," he said.

The British pop star, a close friend of Princess Diana's, performed the song at her funeral and said he will never sing it again.

"It's been pretty crazy," said Justin Martin, manager of the Sam Goody's music store at Alton Square. "We were supposed to open at 10 a.m., but we were so busy we decided to open the doors at 9:30 a.m."

Martin said nearly 30 customers were outside waiting for the store to open Tuesday.

The store received a total of only 400 copies of cassettes and CDs at noon Monday.

"We kept doing up presales before they came in," Martin said.

"They were shipped wrong, and we're doing the best we can."

Proceeds from the sale of the recording are being donated to the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Fund.

The Recording Industry Association of America certified the single as eight times platinum in its first day of release in the United States, according to officials with A&M Records, John's label.

Platinum status is given to records that have sold 1 million copies.

With advance sales of 8 million in the U.S., the association waived its rule that platinum status not be granted until after 30 days because the record's tribute is being treated as a one-way single, meaning no returns will be accepted.

It is also the top-selling single ever in the United Kingdom, A&M officials said.

— From The Telegraph with information supplied by staff writer Scott Cousins.

Jobs

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Ortals, executive director of SWIDA.

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Mary Anderson, Barb Bass, Pat Daugherty, Marcy Edwards, Maggie Ethington, Kim Foote, Nella Henderson, Beverly Jones, Dorothy Mann, Vicki Powell, Inge Vincent.

After working four years with no call offs, it was decided to give special recognition to Vicki Powell by naming "The Vicki Powell Bonus Program" in her honor. Powell has now had seven years of perfect attendance with Colonial Care Center.

The Center gives much appreciation to the entire staff for many hours of tireless dedication to the comfort and care of its residents.

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Room A

9:15 AM to 10:00 AM

Estate Planning

By: Megan Trust Company
Discussion on Wills and Trust and other estate planning considerations.

10:15 AM to 11:00 AM

Innovative Alternatives to Total Joint Replacement

By: The Center for Orthopedics
Focus on new surgical alternatives for joint replacement.

11:15 AM to 12:00 PM

FDIC

By: Thomas Bank, A United Club Magna 55
Clear up confusion about FDIC insurance and get answers to your questions, such as: "Can I have more than \$100,000 on deposit and be covered by FDIC?"

12:15 PM to 1:00 PM

Straight Talk About Long Term Care

By: Magna Insurance
Are you in control of what happens to your "Straight Talk" responds matter-of-factly to the most common misconceptions about the need for and the risks of long term care.

1:15 PM to 2:00 PM

Estate Planning

By: Megan Trust Company
Discussion on Wills and Trust and other estate planning considerations.

2:15 PM to 3:00 PM

Why Don't I Feel Better If I Am Taking All This Medicine?

By: St. Louis College of Pharmacy
What can a person do to make sure his/her is being medicated properly?

3:15 PM to 4:00 PM

Phil Zharmoniks

Room B

9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Common Hand Problems

By: Leonard Hospital
Discussion on operative and non-operative treatment for common hand problems.

10:30 AM to

OBITUARIES

Norma McElwain

NORMA (STUART) MCELWAIN, 86, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1997, in suburban Kansas City, Mo. She was born Jan. 17, 1911, in Hallman, Ind. Mrs. McElwain attended school in Madison, and after graduating in education from Illinois State University in Normal, she became a teacher in Madison. After raising her children, she returned to teaching in the Edwardsville public schools. Norma was a lifetime member of PEO educational society, where she served as local chapter president, state representative and national convention delegate. At retirement, she moved to Florida and was an avid golfer.

Survivors include two sons, Stuart McElwain of Merced, Calif., and Robert John McElwain of Kansas City, Mo.; four grandchildren, Kathleen McElwain of Merced, Calif., Kelly Poud of Elko, Nev., Celeste Kimmer and Elizabeth McElwain of Kansas City, Mo.; four great-grandchildren; a brother, James Stuart of Granite City; and lots of friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Robert Edward McElwain.

Memorial services and interment will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Sunset Hills Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Hospice.

Nina Gunderson

NINA (DARAKJIAN) LYNN GUNDERSON, 48, of Granite City died Sept. 23, 1997, at her home. She was born July 2, 1949, in St. Louis.

Mrs. Gunderson was employed by First National Bank of St. Louis and operated a day care center.

Survivors include her husband, Loyal Ervin Gunderson; her mother, Valeria Takmajian of Granite City; one son, Michael Todd Gunderson of Granite City; two sisters, Janet Warren of Belleville, and Margaret Reick of St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her father, Aram Darakjian.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Irwin Chapel. Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Carl Watkins officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church.

Salvatore DeMoro

SALVATORE "SAM" DEMORO, 70, of Reeds Spring, Mo., died at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1997, in the home of his son. He was born Dec. 29, 1926, in Collinsville.

Mr. DeMoro was a WW II U.S.

Army veteran. He was employed by Granite City Steel for 32 years before retiring in 1984. Together with his wife, Char, they owned and operated the Whistle Stop Gift Shop in Edwardsville and later, after moving to the Ozarks, owned Ozark Mountain Crafts Manufacturing in Ozark, Mo. They also owned the Ozark Village Retail Shop in Branson West, Mo.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, Salvatore J. DeMoro and Grace (Locondro) DeMoro; and a brother, Saverio DeMoro.

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She was born July 18, 1956, in Granite City.

Mrs. Shaffer worked for 15 years for Alliance Blue Shield as a senior program analyst and was a singer with the Black Tie Affair music group.

Survivors include her husband, Kevin; one daughter, Lauren Elizabeth; her parents, William and Geneva (Ellis) Butler; two sisters, Carlene Hutchins and Carolyn Butler of Granite City; one brother, William Butler of Hallsville, Texas.

Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. The Rev. Jame Coode and Carl Cullen officiated.

Burial was at Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

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Mrs. Dickey graduated from Granite City High School in 1960. He spent four years in the Navy, and then resided in Richmond, Va.

Survivors include his three children, Michael, Debra, and Karen; and grandchildren, all of Richmond, Va.; his mother and step-father, Morris and Florence Berger of Granite City; three brothers, Eugene of Springfield, Ark., Robert of St. Ann, Mo., and Terry of Granite City; as well as some very close friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Dickey.

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NEWS

Hospital offering health plan

St. Mary's program gives Medicaid enrollees new option

By Jason White
Staff writer

Medicaid patients in St. Clair County now have a new health care option.

On Sept. 15, St. Mary's Hospital of East St. Louis enrolled the first two members of Neighborhood Care Plan, which is available to county residents receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.

The plan is the second in the state managed by a hospital instead of an insurance company. It's also the first Medicaid-managed care plan outside the Chicago area, which has about 100,000 people on Medicaid.

St. Mary's treats about 15,000 Medicaid patients each year. The hospital expects to enroll 1,000 members per month in the plan.

"We really think this program is a revolution for health care in the East St. Louis area," St. Mary's CEO Richard Mark said. "The hospital worked with community groups to hire and train Medicaid patients as plan representatives to sell and promote the plan."

"This program is designed with the help of people that currently receive Medicaid benefits," Mark said. "(They) want to be treated with dignity and respect just as anyone else would in their insurance plan."

"This is really a community-sponsored program, and I think that's the thing that sets this program apart," Mark said. "The plan includes vision and dental benefits that Medicaid doesn't offer, such as the ability to choose from a wide variety of glasses frames from \$35 to \$55."

St. Mary's has been working on the plan since the Illinois Department of Public Aid awarded contracts to seven hospitals across the state Feb. 4.

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— William Haine
State's attorney

St. Mary's is the only hospital to develop a plan so far, Mark said.

"What we've done is develop a new company...and develop it at warp speed," Project Manager George Tervola said. "The hospital is advertising on billboards and television and in newspapers to get the word out, Tervola said."

"Education is very important in this process," Tervola said. "We want this plan to be more than just an insurance plan. We want it to be something people in this community are proud of."

Member representative Angela Lewis outlined the plan for about 200 participants at last Monday's celebration. "It is St. Mary's mission, along with Neighborhood Care Plan, to improve the health of our community," Lewis said.

Enrollees must select from 17 primary care physicians; different family members can choose different doctors. Specialties include internal medicine, general practice, OB/GYN and pediatrics.

McGowan said McGowan added there will be no extension of the school year for students. "I will review proposals to ensure all desired services are provided," he said. "I believe the staff will want to assist with this effort."

The district's planning group, comprised of the district's administrative staff, was scheduled to start reviewing those proposals Tuesday.

Airport takes off on World Wide Web

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

MidAmerica Airport is boarding the World Wide Web. Last month, St. Clair County officials approved a contract not to exceed \$9,975 for the development and design of MidAmerica Airport's (MAA) homepage. The airport's Internet address will be flymidamerica.com.

The airport is scheduled to open November 8. Airport Director Rick Hargrove, Director of Administration for St. Clair County Dan Maher and John Boul, O'Connor & Partners, Inc., reviewed homepage vendors and selected Col. Bakke from Belleville to develop the website.

"Bakke showed the most technical expertise and creativity to design this kind of page," Boul said.

Bakke is presently working on the homepage, which is not yet accessible to Internet users. Boul said Bakke is gathering and organizing information. "We're trying to make the homepage useful for citizens and companies," Boul said. "It will have practical application for travelers."

The homepage will educate Internet users about the airport terminal, land use around the airport, provide airport maps and the area weather. Companies considering locating at MAA will be able to look at the airport's layout on the Internet to help them select a possible site.

"Eventually, a person will be able to book airline tickets over the Internet," Boul said.

Links will be provided on the homepage to hook users up to other Internet addresses pertinent to the airport.

A link will be provided to the Southwest Illinois Tourism Bureau which informs users about nearby hotels, restaurants and other services.

After Nov. 1, the county will assume responsibility for the homepage, keeping it updated and ensuring links are working properly. Boul said flymidamerica.com should be accessible sometime next month.

Mascoutah teachers return to class

By Mark Haddapp
Staff writer

Mascoutah District 119 Superintendent Sam McGowan was breathing easier Monday.

Classes on Monday resumed for the nearly 3,000 district students after a 14-day teacher strike.

While strolling through the hallways Monday, McGowan said he could sense the teachers, students and parents were happy that the issue is finally about to be put to rest.

"We're blessed," said McGowan about the district's teachers and parents.

McGowan said he is confident the school board will ratify the contract at a special meeting that will be held later this week or early next week.

Terms of the tentative agreement contract have not been released.

But McGowan is confident the district will overcome the strike, which at times drove some members of the community and school district apart.

In fact, McGowan said he believes the strike may have even united the community.

"We are pleased that the Mascoutah Education Association has ratified the proposal," he said. "It is now time to get back to our primary mission: educating the students."

McGowan said the Mascoutah Education Association withdrew its offer for union dues for non-members.

The board's also pre-strike offer of a 12.5 percent pay increase over also three years did not change.

"It may be premature, however, I plan to review various proposals to ensure students are provided for in pursuing their educational program," McGowan said.

Speaker series set for fall at BAC

Like the candy for which it's named, Belleville Area College's "Life Savers" Fall Speaker Series is intended to make your life more colorful and sweet.

Sponsored by the Gender Equity program, the monthly series will offer advice on overcoming barriers to the learning time effectively and building healthy relationships.

"Our goal is to provide the tools and techniques women can use to help improve their lives, professionally and personally," said BAC Gender Equity Coordinator Mary Rose Grant.

The series will kick off Sept. 24 with a talk, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...It's All Small Stuff," by retired Air Force officer and Teamster member Sandra Tigner.

In this first installment, Tigner will share ways of overcoming barriers to the learning development. Each session of the program will be held from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Belleville Campus Garden Room, 2500 Carlyle Ave.

Oct. 29 participants will explore "Time-management techniques based on one's personality style."

Discovering how healthy relationships improve body, mind and spirit will be the topic for Nov. 19, while learning to integrate education with life experiences is the focus of a workshop Dec. 3.

There is no admission fee to attend the "Life Savers" fall series, but reservations are requested.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

People sometimes perform services for an elderly person prior to the senior citizen's death. The provider of services entitled to be compensated for his efforts following the death of the elderly person? This may depend upon whether the help provided was requested by the dependent person and whether it was necessary.

Let's look at an example from a case which arose in 1982 in Illinois. In this situation, a man and his wife provided services for an elderly friend from 1977 until her death in 1982. The wife also performed the house-cleaning chores for the decedent and did most of her laundry. The husband and wife also made sure that the elderly friend took her medicine on a daily basis with that proper ages. Finally, the husband took care of her lawn handled her financial affairs, and provided transportation for her to visit her doctors during this five year period.

After the friend's death, the husband and wife filed claims against the estate of the decedent seeking \$5,000 for the services performed on her behalf during her lifetime. The executor of the estate contested these claims and argued that the friends failed to establish that the decedent requested the

services and expected to pay for the help. Should the Plaintiffs be paid for their years of assistance to the elderly friend or were they mere volunteer providing necessary and unrequested services?

Illinois Courts recognize an implied promise to pay for necessary services even when there is no actual agreement between the parties. This is based on the fundamental principle that no one should receive care and support in these cases and thus be "unjustly enriched at another's expense" without paying for the services. Thus where useful services are knowingly and voluntarily accepted by the decedent in these matters, the law will presume there was an expectation of being paid and the Courts will imply a promise to pay.

This was the decision reached by the Appellate Court in our example. They felt the elderly lady was unable to care for herself, and that the husband and wife provided needed services over a five year period which were voluntarily accepted by the decedent. Under these circumstances, the Court found there was an implied promise to pay for this care, and that the sum of \$5,000 was a reasonable value for these services.

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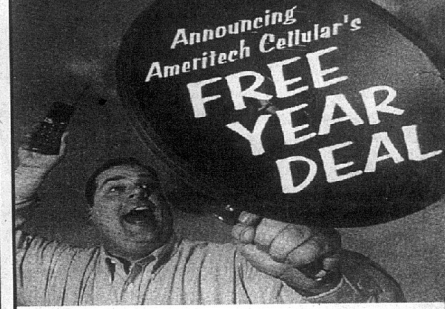
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SPORTS



Pat Heston

Record books loaded with wild numbers

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City's 2-0 win by forfeit over strike-victim East St. Louis Lincoln last Friday brings to mind other strange scores on the opposite side of the offensive spectrum.

This Friday marks the 74th anniversary of Staunton High School's 113-0 whitewashing of Litchfield. A game that makes me feel much better about the 76-0 shellacking Shelbyville gave my beloved Greenville High School my junior year.

But what makes the Staunton-Litchfield score even more astounding is that it was far from the best game Staunton played in 1923.

Four weeks later, Staunton's Bulldogs met arch rival Gillespie for area bragging rights. When it was over, the Miners had been mauled by a state record score of 233-0. By the way, Staunton had an Illinois record 30 touchdowns in that game—not to mention 17 field goals and a safety thrown in for good measure. Bragging rights and then some.

But, if it's defense you want, consider the 1925 Mooseheart and 1936 Beardstown teams, neither of which allowed a single point on the season. Or, what about Monmouth Yorkwood, which only 15 years ago shut out 11 of their opponents on the year.

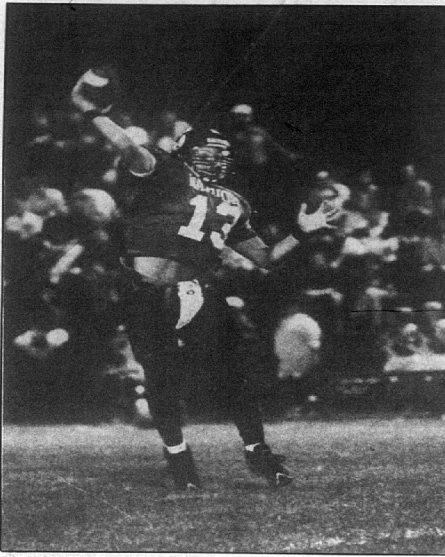
Of course, some area teams have had their say in these lopsided figures.

In 1985, now-defunct East St. Louis Assumption held Brooklyn Lovejoy to minus-18 yards of total offense. Or, what about Monmouth Yorkwood, which was held to minus-56 yards of total offense by Assumption.

Do you remember a 1973 game between Edwardsville and Collinsville when the Tigers rolled up 566 yards of total offense? Peanuts, says Belleville West.

On a fall evening in 1942, the Maroons manhandled Sparta 108-0. In the game, West accumulated a state record 826 total yards, 699 of which were rushing yards, representing still another state record. And, as if that were not enough, the Maroons also collected an IHS-A best 14 rushing touchdowns in the game.

Having a good season? You've got a long way to go to match East St. Louis Senior's mark of 44 straight wins or Pittsfield's state record of 64 in a row. Think you're in the game. (See HESTON, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Quarterback Rocky Smith gives the Warriors a big-play capability.

Gray's death leaves void at Gateway

Keith Gray, who put together the weekly drag racing program that helped sustain Gateway International Raceway through the lean years of the early 1960s, died suddenly Tuesday, Sept. 23, at his home in Collinsville. He was 43 years old.

A gruff, friendly bear of a man, known to racers and fans throughout the region as the guy patrolling the Madison track on his aging red scooter, Gray had been a fixture on the local racing scene for more than 20 years. He had been the director of drag racing competition at Gateway since 1983.

"We're in a state of shock and disbelief," said Rod Wolter, Gateway's president and general manager. "Keith was so

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much a part of this place, and put so much of himself into its success, right now our thoughts are with his wife, Elizabeth, and his family. We're all hurting right now."

After serving in the Vietnam War, Gray came home and raced on the old St. Louis International Raceway (now Gateway) drag strip, then became involved in round track racing as a driver, then as a volunteer worker at Tri-City Speedway in Granite City and at 67 Raceway Park in Godfrey, Ill.

He began working full-time at Gateway in 1989 after several seasons as a volunteer, and was the director of the weekly bracket racing program that was the lifeblood of the track until it was purchased in 1994 by Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, Calif. and transformed into a major multipurpose facility.

After the track was sold, fans were downcast, but just let the hard-core folks hear anyone talk about Gateway, and watch their temperatures rise. "Gray was the heart of the track," said one fan. "Those racers are a lot like the ball fans in St. Louis. They support their track like ball fans support their teams."

Gray said he was glad to see the change. (See GRAY, Page 2B)

Bowler rolls 800 series—after 56 years

There's an old saying that goes "everything comes to he who waits." For Cliff Kruse, 72, that wait was 56 years.

This month the Mehlville resident posted his first ever 800 series, an 802 on Friday, Sept. 12, at Show Me Lanes.

He strung together games of 265, 278 and 269 to accomplish the feat.

Growing up in south St. Louis and attending Roosevelt High School, Kruse started bowling at the old Bowling Grand center on the second floor at Grand and Junata



Howard Kee

streets. The 802 boosted his average to 218 in the Friday night league. Last year he had medians of 202-198-194 in three leagues. His career high single

is 299, which he hit twice.

Tony Meyer posted the all-time high series of 842 at Town 'N Country Lanes in his home town of Washington, Mo. Meyer had games of 277-298-268 to erase the previous high of 814 by Larry Utterback of Washington. The center opened in 1983.

Mike Coleman has been named General Manager of Carriage Bowl, it was

announced by Irv and Elaine Waldmann, proprietors of the south St. Louis center.

Coleman has been involved with bowling center administration for the past 10 years, five as a manager at Magdalen Lanes and White Oak Lanes.

When the Anheuser-Busch/BPA Masters and the St. Louis BPA Women's All-Stars scratch throwing leagues got going at White Oak Lanes (See KEE, Page 3B)

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(Round 1, Week 6)
North Division: St. Clair Bowl 101.5, Jack Schmitt Chevy World 92.5, Auffenberg Ford 88, Bovinette Insurance 84.5, Busch Mountain Men 60.5, Viviano's Italian Restaurant 59.5.

South Division: South of the Border Taco Bell 140, Midwest Title Insurance 112, Heritage Lincoln/Mercury 112, Miller Genuine Draft 109.5, West Park Bowl Eagles 105.5, Kuna Meats 86.5.

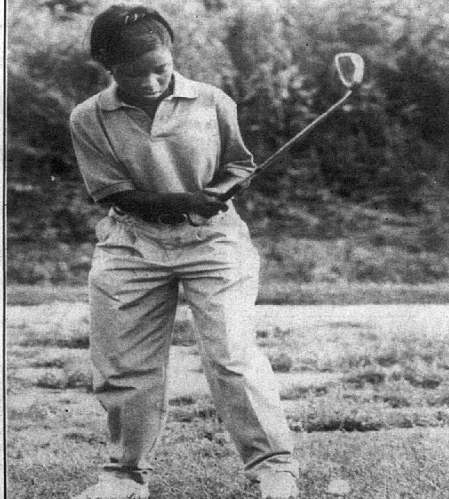
High series: Ron Krippelz, South of the Border Taco Bell, 738 (278-257-203).
High game: Ron Krippelz, South of the Border Taco Bell, 278.

Awesome twosome: Dave Birk, Jack Schmitt Chevy World, 472 (276-196).
One-game wonder: Jim Klass, Heritage Lincoln/Mercury, 214.

Team high game: South of the Border Taco Bell 979.
Team high series: South of the Border Taco Bell 2759.
Slip sliding shoe: Miller Genuine Draft 688.

700-plus series: 10 bowled this week, extending league league string to 36 weeks with one or more.

League bowls next at 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29 at Panorama Lanes in Belleville.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Alaina Long is a member of the Madison High golf team, which made its debut this fall.

Back in action

Warriors face East after two-week layoff

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City Warriors football coach Nick Petrillo sees good and bad in his team's two-week layoff from actual game competition. But he won't use the time-off as an excuse for a loss or as an explanation for a win.

"If we lose, we won't cry that it was because of the lay-off, anymore than we will point to it as a factor if we win," Petrillo said. "Something happened that we couldn't control, and we had to deal with it and make the best of it. We've done that."

Petrillo has been putting his troops through an intense pace, working on aspects of the game which a normal practice schedule would not provide them the freedom to do.

"Practices have been going well. We've really been putting the players through the grind," said Petrillo. "Missing a game always hurts, but it has also enabled us to heal up, to coach some kids up to the next level in their play, and to be more intense than we would in a normal week of practice. That, I think, is the key difference in a layoff. Our practices are much more intense, much more actual game-like. You can have that when you have extra time."

The Warriors (2-2, 1-0 SWC)

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must be intense Friday as they take on the visiting Belleville East Lancers (2-2, 2-0 SWC), who share the conference top spot with Edwardsville and are coming off back-to-back wins over Belleville West and Collinsville.

"They're big up front," said Petrillo of East. "Similar to Collinsville, but with more depth." The Warriors edged the Kahoks 17-14 on Sept. 12.

The Lancers rely on running back Darrell Scruggs for most of their offensive punch. Scruggs, a 5-11, 190-pound senior, is a punishing runner with breakaway speed. Petrillo's scouts estimate that Scruggs is 70-80 percent of the team's offense. Those who have seen East agree, stop Scruggs and you stop the Lancers.

But East is far from one-dimensional. Scruggs' backfield partner F. J. Nold (5-11, 167) can also do the job from the fullback position. Throw into the mix the combo of junior quarterback Tony Patterson (6-3, 174) and junior wide receiver Dante Brinkley (5-9, 150) and the Lancers can beat you with the run or the pass.

Defensively, East has been suspect through its first four games. And that could prove

Game on WGNU

Tomorrow night's Southwestern Conference football game between the Belleville East Lancers and the Granite City Warriors will be broadcast live by WGNU-Radio, 92.0 AM. Air time is 7 p.m.

costly against the Warriors, who have proven capable of working the clock, moving the ball by ground or by air, and scoring by a sustained drive or a quick strike.

Quarterback Rocky Smith, in tandem with some talented receivers, has a penchant for gobbling up huge chunks of turf in amazingly short periods of time. Against Collinsville two weeks ago, Smith had a sideline-streaking Tim Wallace for a 52-yard touchdown throw that put the Warriors in front to stay. That big-play possibility forces defenses to play loose and enables the Warriors to utilize the rest of their offensive arsenal, which includes a contingent of competent running backs.

On defense, Granite City has had a tendency to bend but not break. Yet Petrillo must close the defensive gaps which allowed the Kahoks' backfield of Steve Ballinger and Kory Kimbrell to nearly run at will most of the night two weeks ago. Though far from an easy (See WARRIORS, Page 2B)



Bob Emig

Gettis takes over prep spotlight

When you think you've seen it all with the likes of Jim Dougherty, a three-spot star at Edwardsville High who is now a freshman quarterback at the University of Missouri, had been the talk of the area the last three seasons. Now it's Gettis' turn for all of the accolades.

"What impresses you about Gettis is that he's outstanding in a lot of the phases of the game," said Althoff head coach Glenn Schott, whose Crusaders club was dismantled by Gettis & Co. 34-12 on Sept. 13. "He runs and throws the ball extremely well. He plays safety like a linebacker. And he punts for them, as well as kicking off."

As a junior, Gettis earned Class 5A all-state honors as a quarterback by throwing for 18 touchdowns and 1,500 yards and rushing for another 900 yards and 8 touchdowns. He comes into his senior season as a Parade Magazine and Reebok preseason All-American. He's also an outstanding basketball and baseball player.

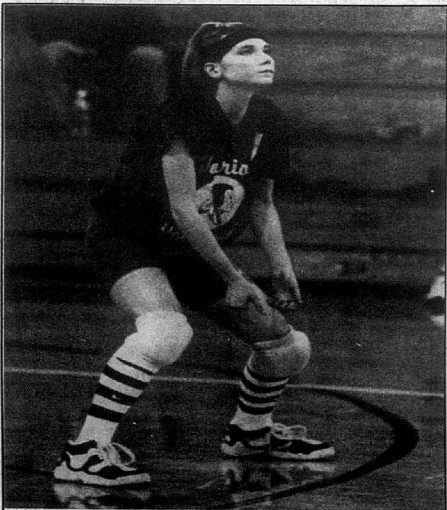
"We knew we had something special when he came into the second half of our first game of the season as a sophomore quarterback," says Cahokia head coach Rob Eden. "We were trailing 10-0, but he led us back for a 13-10 win. He's been our quarterback ever since. He's the best quarterback I've had in my 25 years as head coach (13 at Toulon and 12 at Cahokia)."

With Gettis running the show, the Comanches are expected to make a run for the state title, most likely in Class 5A. The Comanches were 7-2 last season, losing to Danville in the first round, and were 8-2 two seasons ago, losing to Edwardsville in the second round.

"This is our best team since I've been here, and we're hoping to go further in the playoffs," says Eden, who has coached the Comanches to a playoff berth in six of the last eight seasons.

With a strong senior nucleus, Cahokia is off to a 4-0 start, outscoring its opponents 153-41. Gettis has connected on 25 of 49 passes for 470 yards and five touchdowns. He also has run 17 times for 158 yards and one touchdown.

"We really didn't showcase him that much last year, because we didn't have to," (See EMIG, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Dell Moore and the Granite City volleyball team play tonight at unbeaten Belleville West.

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Gray

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 as that came to Gateway, and the arrival of major events such as the NHRA Sears Craftsman Nationals.

"I went to (AIHRA) races here as a kid with my father," he said. "I remember being here when there was no room to put your elbows up, when all the great racers — Don Garlits, Shirley Muldowney, Don Prudhomme and Tom McEwen — raced here. It was always true of this track and this market. You brought the real deal to town, and fans would know it. And they would come out to see those folks race."

By the same token, he spent much of this past season assuring his "regulars" that there would always be a place for them in Gateway's program. "Some folks worry we'll get so big that we won't let them race in their weekly shows," he said. "But that's the point of this track. We have something going for everybody at all levels. This

(facility) is for every racer and fans who waited too long for something like this to come."

Drag racing editor, commentator and aficionado Bret Kepner, a longtime friend of Gray's, said, "If you think about it, the program Keith put together in 1989 was what kept this place afloat until Chris Pook and GFALE came along and bought the place."

"Every time he told me that he'd had enough, that he was tired of running the bracket program at Gateway, in his next breath he talked of building a car and coming back to race there," Kepner said. "It was never a question of Keith Gray not being at Gateway. That wasn't going to happen."

Visitation will be Thursday from 4-9 p.m. at Kassley Funeral Home in Collinsville, with funeral services scheduled for Friday at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

PREP STANDINGS

METRO EAST FOOTBALL

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	PF PA
Edwardsville	2-0	3-1	55 14
Belleville East	2-0	3-1	99 58
Granite City	1-0	2-2	46 78
Alton	1-1	2-2	63 126
East St. Louis	0-1	0-3	7 35
Collinsville	0-2	1-3	21 39
Belleville West	0-2	0-4	28 108

Mississippi Valley			
Team	Conf	Overall	PF PA
Triad	1-0	3-1	100 66
Highland	1-0	3-1	99 58
Jerseyville	1-0	3-1	99 58
Civic Memorial	1-0	3-1	105 30
Waterloo	0-1	2-2	79 61
Mascoutah	0-1	0-4	9 35

Cahokia			
Team	Conf	Overall	PF PA
Freeburg	2-0	3-1	75 74
Dupo	2-0	3-1	75 74
Red Bud	1-1	1-3	40 59
Columbia	1-1	1-3	70 96
Carlyle	0-2	0-4	40 115
Breece C.	0-2	0-4	35 124

South Seven			
Team	Conf	Overall	PF PA
Cahokia	1-0	4-0	152 25
O'Fallon	1-0	3-1	113 50

Independents			
Team	Conf	Overall	PF PA
Warrior	1-0	1-0	12 20
M.E. Lutheran	0-1	0-4	12 127

METRO EAST SOCCER

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF GA
Belle East	2-0	5-0	11 4
Belle West	2-0	6-2	27 14
Granite City	2-1	7-2	13 6
Edwardsville	1-2	5-1	17 5
Collinsville	0-2	2-2	10 12
Alton	0-2	4-1	18 14

Mississippi Valley			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF GA
Triad	4-0	7-2	37 19
Highland	2-0	5-0	25 8
Jerseyville	1-0	6-2	27 14
Waterloo	0-2	2-1	11 10
Mascoutah	0-2	2-2	17 0

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M.E. Lutheran	2-0	2-0	9 8
Gibault	1-0	1-0	9 8
Althoff	1-0	1-0	9 8
Valmeyer	1-0	1-0	9 8

Cross Country

32nd EDWARDSVILLE INVITATIONAL (at SIUE, Sept. 20)

Team Results			
1. Centralia 47; 2. Mater Dei 147; 3. Pattonville 122; 5. Edwardsville 132; 6. St. Charles 144; 7. O'Fallon 169; 8. Collinsville 188; 9. Belleville West 306; 10. O'Fallon B team 308; 11. Civic Memorial 327; 12. Belleville East 341; 13. Jerseyville 403; 14. O'Fallon C team 528; 15. Venice 656.			

Top 10 Individuals			
1. Caleb Ginter, Highland, 15:19; 2. Chris Nuernberger, Collinsville, 15:40; 3. Justin Amazon, Centralia, 16:01; 4. Keith Langhorst, Mater Dei, 16:04; 5. Doug Schwartz, Centralia, 16:26; 6. Pat Boyie, St. Charles, 16:34; 7. Nathan Speer, O'Fallon, 16:36; 8. Brian Cox, Centralia, 16:37; 9. Kevin McGuire, Pattonville, 16:47; 10. Shaun Davis, Edwardsville, 16:55.			

Local Teams			
EDWARDSVILLE (132): 10. Shaun Davis, 16:55; 11. Matt Wallace, 16:56; 22. Andy Bratten, 17:22; 34. Matt Dettl, 17:48; 55. Joe Hines, 18:21; 64. Mike Matthews, 18:35.			

O'FALLON A (168): 7. Nathan Speer, 16:36; 24. Chris Dwyer, 17:24; 37. Tim Stearns, 17:50; 47. John Jones, 18:04; 51. Sepp, 18:06; 52. Troy Beard, 18:17; 71. Aaron Grant, 18:43. <td data-cs="3" data-kind="parent"></td> <td data-kind="ghost"></td> <td data-kind="ghost"></td>			
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GIRLS

Team Results

1. Belleville West 82; 2. Edwardsville 97; 3. Wentzville (Mo.) 135; 4. Mater Dei 147; 5. Jerseyville 160; 6. Collinsville 162; 7. Triad 207; 8. O'Fallon 221; 9. Belleville East 240; 10. Highland 310; 11. Centralia 322; 12. Pattonville (Mo.) 345; 13. Civic Memorial 404.			
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Top 10 Individuals			
1. Amy Smith, Edwardsville, 12:56; 2. Nellie Shaul, Wentzville (Mo.) 12:54; 4. Amber Pellman, Belleville West, 12:56; 5. Yvette Winters, Cahokia, 13:05; 6. Jenny Kloss-termann, Highland, 13:07; 7. Kara Wolters, Collinsville, 13:08; 8. Yummy Blackburn, O'Fallon, 13:14; 9. Emily Lammens, Mater Dei, 13:17; 10. Michele DeGroot, Wentzville (Mo.), 13:18.			

Local Teams			
BELLEVILLE WEST (82): 4. Amber Pellman, 12:56; 14. Lisa Weidemann, 13:22; 16. Jill Pollich, 13:22; 23. Tonya Guyer, 13:39; 26. Julie Culbertson, 13:47; 34. Ashley Stanczyk, 13:50; 38. Christina Crispes, 13:58.			

EDWARDSVILLE (97): 1. Amy Smith, 12:56; 2. Nellie Shaul, 12:56; 25. Suzy Nucete, 13:45; 29. Marjorie Rinaldi, 13:48; 30. Bailey Nichols, 13:48; 45. Kim Cates, 14:15. <td data-cs="3" data-kind="parent"></td> <td data-kind="ghost"></td> <td data-kind="ghost"></td>			
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COLLINSVILLE (172): 7. Kara Wolters, 13:08; 14:32. El. Stephany Lewis, 13:25; 27. Jeana Dietrich, 13:48; 44. Lauren Riley, 14:16; 74. Chelsea Ashbrook, 15:09; 79. Katelyn Zickus, 15:26; 90. Lauren Weis, 16:04. <td data-cs="3" data-kind="parent"></td> <td data-kind="ghost"></td> <td data-kind="ghost"></td>			
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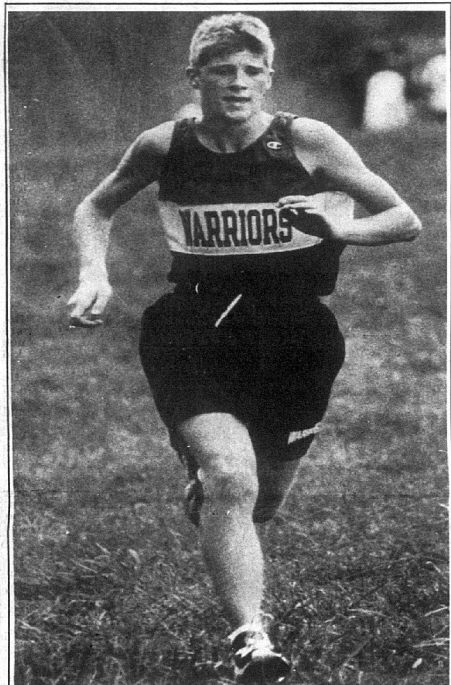
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JV GIRLS			
Team Results	31. St. Charles (Mo.) 155; 32. Belleville West 156; 33. Belleville West 156; 34. Mater Dei 207; 35. Pattonville 207; 36. Wentzville (Mo.) 243; 37. O'Fallon 249; 38. Highland 353.		

SOPHOMORE BOYS			
Team Results	1. Centralia 42; 2. Alton 58; 3. Edwardsville 130; 4. Granite City 131; 5. St. Charles (Mo.) 133; 6. O'Fallon and Wentzville (Mo.) 135; 7. Mater Dei 177.		

FRESHMEN BOYS			
Team Results	1. Mt. Vernon 48; 2. Wentzville (Mo.) 131; 3. Cahokia 160; 4. Alton 200; 5. Edwardsville 225; 6. Mater Dei 248.		



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)
 Scott Whitehead and the Granite City cross country team run Saturday in the Springfield Invitational.

Warriors

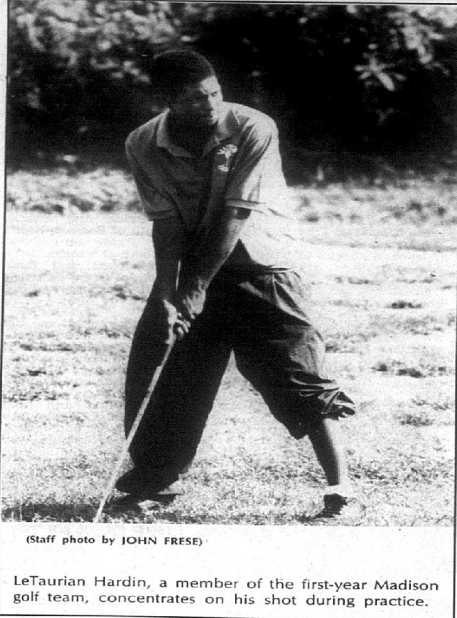
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task, it is one at which the Warriors are capable of succeeding.

The red-and-black can play defense when it counts. What they must remember is that defense

SPORTS

SPORTS SHORTS



(Staff photo by JOHN FREE)

LeTaurian Hardin, a member of the first-year Madison golf team, concentrates on his shot during practice.

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on Tuesday, Sept. 23, a general change could've taken place in the women's standings.

Face-setting Affron Trucking (154 points) was to meet runner-up St. Charles Lanes (150) in the feature match. Right with that pair in importance was the duel between third-place Plaza Lanes (141) and fourth-place Hanesel's Bowling and Trophies, 132.5, which was only one point ahead of fifth-place Gene-Dee Printing with 131.5.

Dixon Bud Ice Light held a four-point lead over second place Grey Eagle Micholob Light, 157-146. Dixon took on fifth-place Illinois Bud Ice (109.5), while Grey Eagle opposed eighth-place Herrell's Budweiser (99).

Three St. Louis area bowlers cashed in the Midwest Senior Tournament at Airport Plaza Lanes in Bethalto. They were Joe Brazier, Bethalto, Ill., for \$270; Bud DeFrancesco, Ballwin, \$265; and Mel Bennett, St. Charles, \$255.

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GC grad at
Indiana Wesleyan
 Jared Embick, a graduate of Granite City High School, is a member of the men's soccer team at Indiana Wesleyan University for the current 1997 season. He is playing a midfield position for the Wildcats, who have a record of 13-2 so far this season. Indiana Wesleyan University is an evangelical Christian liberal arts college with 1,865 students on its Marion campus. The university is a member of the Mid-Central Conference, the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics, and the National Christian College Athletic Association.

Carp Fair
 Anglers will have an opportunity to participate in a carp fishing event at Horseshoe Lake State Park on Sat., Oct. 4. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has stocked carp into a three acre pond adjacent to the lake on the east side. Named the Community Anglers Resource Project, the pond is open to fishing now. The Carp Fair is planned to inform and encourage anglers to take advantage of the fishing opportunity available.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. with a presentation on carp fishing basics by Bud Yancey, President of the Carp Anglers' Group. Yancey is an experienced carp angler who has fished for carp and presented lectures and conducted workshops in several states. He will cover a number of specifics on tackle, bait and techniques to help anglers be more successful.

At 11:30, DNR biologists Bob Williamson and Rob Maher will demonstrate carp cleaning and cooking. Participants are asked to bring their own sack lunch to eat at noon. There will be samples of fried carp for tasting, but a full meal will not be provided.

Group fishing is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. Fair participants are asked to bring their own tackle. During group fishing, DNR biologists and members of the Carp Anglers Group will be available to help anglers try new methods.

There is no charge for the event.

Youth soccer tourney
 The Charles Melvin Price Support Center (Army Depot) Youth Services will hold its fourth annual invitational youth soccer tournament Oct. 1-17, 1997. The cost is \$100 per team. All youth participants will receive certificate of participation while first place teams will receive individual medals and second place teams will receive trophies. To register a team or

for more information, contact CMPSOC soccer coordinator Ruben Mendoza at home (452-7395 from 8:30-11 p.m.) or at work (452-4625 from 4-7:30 p.m.).

Breakfast with the Blues
 The St. Louis Blues will be attending the annual "Breakfast with the Blues" on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the Missouri Athletic Club. The entire team will be in attendance and seated at tables with the fans.

Broadcaster Ken Wilson will begin the program at 8 a.m. with the introduction of the 1997-98 team and Blues executives. Mark Sauer, Blues president and general manager, will speak about recent off-season activities involving the club and the upcoming season under coach Joel Quenneville. Banquet attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of the team and Blues memorabilia prizes.

For reservations, call the Missouri Athletic Club at (314) 539-4470.

Indoor soccer tourney

Entries are being taken for the 11th annual Tournament of Champions indoor soccer event Nov. 23-30 at The Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon.

The tournament offers competition in two divisions for youth teams — recreation/all-school and all-star/select. The age groups for girls and boys in both divisions range from players born between Aug. 1, 1993 and July 31, 1993. Additionally, the all-star/select division will offer competition for boys and girls born between Aug. 1, 1993 and July 31, 1993. High school boys and girls teams are welcome to compete.

The entry fee is \$30 for each team, with three games guaranteed. Every player and two coaches from each team will receive souvenir T-shirts with their entry fee.

The tournament is being hosted by Downtown Imprints, an under-17 boys select team from the Collinsville-Troy area, and the Althoff High School boys soccer program.

For more information, or to receive an application, call tournament director Bob Emig at 344-0394.

Billiken Bratfest

The St. Louis University Department of Athletics has announced that the first Billiken Bratfest will be held at the pavilion at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights. SLU fans will have the opportunity to meet all of the Billikens head coaches and learn about all of the sports programs.

This is a great opportunity to Billiken fans on the east side to have a chance to get closer

to St. Louis University athletics, said Doug Woolard, director of athletics. "It should be an event that is fun and informative for everyone."

Food and refreshments will be served. Attendance prizes will be awarded. A donation is requested: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and children under age 5 are free.

For more information, contact the Billiken Club at (314) 977-8180.

Men's basketball leagues

The Granite City Park District Men's Basketball Leagues are now forming. League games will be played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Father School and Grigsby Middle School. The entry fee for all leagues is \$230 per team, plus \$25 for non-residents. League play begins Nov. 11. Registration will run from Sept. 29 through Oct. 31. For more information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park office (877-3059).

Winter programs

Registration is now underway at the Wilson Park office for youth and adult winter programs. The following adult programs start on Sept. 29: Silmettes, Step Aerobics, Beginning Country Line Dance and Advanced Country Line Dance. Youth programs start on Oct. 14 and include Gymnastics, Tumbling, Ballet/Jazz/Tapp Dancing, Mini-Cheerleading, Cheerleading and Pom-Pom. Registration fees are \$18 for residents and \$30 for non-residents, and are payable at the time of registration. Park IDs are being taken at the Wilson Park office on Mondays and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. Proof of residency is required.

Youth Hockey Clinic

The Granite City Park District is offering a new Youth Hockey Clinic at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. The clinic features individual instruction in hockey skills with a limited class size of 10 students. The class will be held on Mondays from 3-4:45 p.m. and will be taught by Brent Golden, hockey veteran of the Warrior hockey team. Saschachewan Jr. Hockey League at Montana State University and the American Frontier Hockey League of Billings, Mont. Register now. Classes start on Mon., Oct. 6. Contact the Wilson Park office at 877-3059 for additional information.

Co-Ed volleyball league

The Granite City Park District is planning a Co-Ed volleyball league to be played on Monday evenings at p.m. at Coolidge Middle School. Entry fees for this program are \$175 per team, plus \$25 for non-residents. Registration runs from

Sept. 27 through Oct. 17. League play will begin on Nov. 3. For more information, call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

Fall baseball

Baseball players born between June 1, 1979 and Dec. 31, 1992 are needed for a fall league in Florissant. Mo. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays through October.

The fee is \$35. Players should have their own transportation to the F.A.A. fields. For more information, call Joe at 878-5735.

Lady Raiders softball

The Brighton Lady Raiders 18-and-under fastpitch softball team is holding tryouts for the 1998 season. For more information, call 372-4263.

Tennis lessons

Tennis lessons are being offered for area residents from 8:30-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for ages 8 to 99. Lessons are sponsored by the Veterans Park District and the Madison Recreation Department. Mr. George Smith is the instructor.

Adult volleyball clinic

The YMCA of Southwest Illinois will hold a three-hour adult volleyball clinic starting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the East Belleville YMCA.

This clinic will review the basic rules and skills of volleyball. The cost is \$10 for YMCA members and \$15 for non-members. Register at the Downtown Belleville YMCA, 15 N. 1st St. Call Scott Neill at 233-1243 for more information.

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Eden said about Gettis, "But I'm planning to use him more this year to get him as much publicity as possible. The kid deserves it."

Gettis has all the tools. He runs the 40-yard dash in 4.55 seconds. He can throw a 450-foot ball on a line for 40 yards, and he can heave the ball at least 70 yards. He is a 6-foot-2, 218-pound Gettis is agile for a big man, but he also is a tough kid.

"He's the kind of a kid who will knock your block off and then he'll come back and say, 'He's a lot quicker than you think, and he has tremendous balance. He's also good at reading defenses.'"

The recruiting interest for Gettis is high. Eden says Minnesota and Big Ten likes him at quarterback. The University of Illinois sees him as a strong safety.

Academically, Gettis needs to improve on his ACT score, which was 17, although he carries a 3.0 grade-point average. "He just didn't prepare for the ACT like he should have," Eden says. "He'll take it again in December. He'll be all right."

And with Gettis at the helm, the Comanches will be more than all right on the football field. In him, they have a gem — a once-in-a-life-timer.

•Heston

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midst of a football dynasty? Think again. Pittsfield has 14 undefeated seasons under its belt, two more than the Flyers, and seven of them in succession.

But, if you're having a bad year, take heart: Things have been worse. Specifically, for Peoria Woodruff, which lost 47 straight football games between 1985 and 1989, and for Machesney Park, which duplicated that feat during the 1984 season.

The bottom line is, I guess, that a 2-0 victory may look strange in a listing of area football scores, but it has a long wait if it wants to be noticed in a state that has had more than its share of bizarre football games.

In the end, I'm left asking only one question: If you beat a team 23-0, scoring 30 touchdowns in the process, what in the world are you doing kicking 17 field goals?

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Christian Women

At the September meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church, the Rev. Hannah Hurdle Toomey spoke on the Women of the Bible. Toomey has recently served as a missionary in Jamaica, and is now the pastor of the First Community Christian Church in Caseyville.

Following her message, a business meeting was conducted by Myra Parrish, substituting for the President Betty Elbrecht who was not able to attend.

A commercial refrigerator/freezer and two serving carts have been purchased for the church kitchen by the Christian Women's Fellowship. Money for this was donated by Mildred Reas.

On Oct. 12, the CWF will make apple butter to be sold to the public.

A group of 17 members of the congregation helped build a house in St. Louis as a part of the Habitat for Humanity program being sponsored by the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

The women voted to buy a brick in the name of Central Christian Church to be placed on the walkway at the entrance of Wilson Park.

Those in attendance at the meeting were Myra Parrish, Myrlyn Lorton, Dorothea Rivenburgh, Joyce Miller, Lena Saiter, Helen Stone, Doris Pekarik, Chafalea Veenovels, Beth Mirus and Helen Stumpe.

TRIO Unit

TRIO Unit of Madison County Association for Home and Community Education met for their monthly meeting Sept. 22 at Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City with 20 members and one guest, Pat Mitchell, present.

The members enjoyed delicious desserts prepared by Lou Tabor, Wilma Schaefer, Betty Epperson, and Glenna Egan.

President Sarah Huber opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Vice-President Juanita McCarty introduced the local leaders, Louise Anderson and Dorothy Grammer, who gave an informative lesson on "Using Resources Politically."

Secretary Roberta Cottrell read the roll call and the minutes from the July 1 meeting. Treasurer Barbara Phelps read the balance on hand in the bank account.

Sarah Huber gave a report on Community Outreach. Books, puzzles, coloring books, are to be given to the October meeting to be donated to children of AIDS patients.

Betty Epperson gave a report on the International Peace Garden, a nonprofit organization, which dedicated the international Peace Garden on July 14, 1932. This place was located on the longest north-south road in the world on the border of North Dakota and

Manitoba with 2,339 acres spanning the international boundary. It includes a formal garden, fountains, pools, and cascades, sunken garden, rock garden, Carillon Bell Tower and many flowers and landscapes.

A card will be sent to Naomi Chapman's husband who is in the hospital.

Attendance prizes were won by Lucille Sackett, Pauline Nicholls, Pat Mitchell, and Vera Kirkpatrick.

Wilma Pulaski, second Vice-President, collected club dues and hostess assessments from those members present.

Retired Officer Personnel
Retired Officer Personnel, Granite City School District #9, met at Lavender Rose for their September meeting. Those in attendance were: Marcella Pilcher, June Schneider, Harriet Mercer, Barbara Larner, Wanda Kutzer, Pat Uzunoff, Arlene Haldeman, Millie Chandler, Zoe Mitchell, Nancy Rosales, Vivian Hillen, Helen Toncott, Sonya Chansian, Marge Bourgeois and Lucille Caban.

The October hostess, Nancy Rosales, has made arrangements at the meeting to be in Alton for the October Meeting.

Retirees Local 743
Granite City Retirees of Local 743 met Sept. 4 at Ralph and Charles's Restaurant in Granite City. Thirty-five members and guests attended.

After lunch, President Jerry Rhoder conducted a short business meeting.

The next scheduled meeting will be Dec. 4.

Any retiree interested in attending the December meeting should call R.A. Cottrell at 877-1080.

AARP Chapter 1340

Approximately 120 members and guests of AARP Chapter 1340 attended a country-western dance at the Nelson Hagauer Town Hall.

Dressed in jeans, western shirts and hats, the group participated in numerous line dances.

Music was provided by the band, "Jerry's Kids." Refreshments were served and the evening was spent in fellowship and dancing.

Fifty-five prize names were chosen. Attendance prizes were won by Helen Plar, John Vaughn, Will White, Millie Eickemeyer, Mylene Kriz, Virginia Congales, Elbert Roberts, Zita Baquero, Daryl Few.

AARP meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month. Persons 50 years of age and older who wish to join the local chapter should call 877-3020.

AMVETS Auxiliary

President Mary Miller presided over a recent meeting of AMVETS Auxiliary 51. Acting Chaplain Betty Clements read the opening prayer and acting Sgt-at-Arms led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Shirley Schliengschang. A

thank you note from Dreams Unlimited, for the recent donation, was also read. Carol Jarrett gave a Treasurer's report.

A shower chair was presented to a member who had a hip replacement. Presenting the chair on behalf of AMVETS and Auxiliary were Commander Bill Miller, Carol Jarrett, and Albert Manning.

AMVETS are holding Turkey Shoots at 1 p.m. each Sunday. Auxiliary members were asked to serve food. Members agreed to volunteer for this project.

The meeting was closed with prayer and by retiring of The Colors. Refreshments were served, following the meeting, by this month's hostesses Betty Clements and Mary Miller.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic church held its monthly meeting Sept. 15 in the church community center.

The meeting was called to order by President Irma Manning. Sister Jean Patrick led the group in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Cleola Siebert, recording secretary, Ann Kovach, Corresponding secretary read the minutes of the August meeting, followed by the treasurer's report given by Cecelia Manca. Mary Rita Ahlers, friendship chairperson, sent get well cards to Sister Bernadette Angie Buehler and Sister Mary Alice.

Birthdays celebrated in September were Nellie Dezan and Wilma Jones.

Anniversaries celebrated in September were Jan and Art Oberle-32 years. Irma Manning, President, reported the Holy Family chicken dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 12.

The Anointing Mass for the sick will be at the 4 p.m. Mass Oct. 22. Attendance prizes were won by Lorraine Parkinson, Ruth Novacich, Ann Konopka, Helen Mooshagel, Eric Mooshagel, Art Oberle, Margie Noeth, and Sylvia Opich.

Glarence DeGonia, Holy Family Catholic Church member, spoke on the year 2000 Jubilee. Pope John Paul II has asked Catholics to prepare for 2000 in the pursuit of holiness, wider community participation, ecumenical pursuit, and greater evangelism. In preparation, the Holy Family will be open for a

Day of Adoration every Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Irma Manning reported a trip is scheduled for Oct. 29 to St. Joseph, Mo. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8 a.m., price \$15. The bus will arrive at the outlet mall at 11 a.m., where a greeter will give the group coupons. There will be time to browse the outlet stores until 1:30 p.m., then go to Lambert to eat. Cut off date for reservation is Oct. 13.

Another trip is scheduled for Dec. 14 to St. Joseph Music Show, price \$24, includes transportation and dinner.

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Cleo Schnelke, refreshment chairperson, thanked everyone who brought refreshments.

Lucille Caban, Program chairperson, reported members will have entertainment in October and December.

After refreshments of icecream sundaes, coffee and tea, the remainder of the evening was spent playing bingo.

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 in the church community center.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following is a list of marriage licenses reported from the Madison County Clerk's office of Mark Von Nida:

Bryan Garrison and Gena Crowell, both of Granite City. James Griffin of O'Fallon and Christa Pinkerton of Collinsville.

Lewis Haines and Jamie Rettele, both of Collinsville. Paul Hesse of Troy and Taya Hesse of Belleville.

Jason Hornbeak of Troy and Alma Mintoza of Edwardsville.

Brent Johnson of Collinsville and Teresa Morris of Granite City.

Hugh Jones and Ruth Crabtree, both of Belleville. Jignesh Khandeshi and Asha Roa, both of Edwardsville.

Singum Khounsana and Christina Hild, both of Granite City.

Henry Knisley and Ginger Winter, both of Belleville. Richard Martino and Patricia Cooper, both of Worden.

Clyde Mayes and Kathleen Schaefer, both of Collinsville. Shane Medlin and Stephanie Cook, both of Granite City.

Ralph Mosier Jr. of Collinsville and Angel Casey of Caseyville.

Terry Mouser of Maryville and Dawn Lewis of Collinsville.

Richard Nelson and Carla McGinty, both of Granite City. Christopher Nolan and Catherine Modrusic, both of Granite City.

Edward O'gara and Donna Mendoza, both of Granite City. Paul Price and Patricia Jones, both of Pontoon Beach.

Bobby Pride and Felicia Mosley, both of Venice. Steven Reed and Carrie Reed, both of Granite City.

Michael Renspurger of Highland and Lynn Male Dickman of Troy.

Stacey Thomason and Julie Wenzel, both of Glen Carbon. Michael Tongay and Erika Bretz, both of Troy.

David Weishaupt of Jerseyville and Kathleen David of Edwardsville.

Gary Wiedner and Donna Wiedner, both of Granite City. Brian Wilson and Pamela Wierzer, both of Granite City.

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By Chris V. Staff writer

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by The Center for Orthopedics
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12:15 PM to 1:00 PM
Straight Talk About Long Term Care
by Major Insurance
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1:15 PM to 2:00 PM
Estate Planning
by Major Trust Company (Repeat)
Discussion on Wills and Trusts and other estate planning considerations.

2:15 PM to 3:00 PM
Why Don't I Feel Better If I Am Taking All This Medicine?
by St. Louis College of Pharmacy
What can a person do to make sure he/she is being medicated properly?

Room B

9:30 AM to 10:15 AM
Common Hand Problems
by Memorial Hospital
Discussion on operative and non-operative treatment for common hand problems.

10:30 AM to 11:15 AM
Schemes & Scams of Southern Illinois
by Illinois Department of Aging
Learn how to protect yourself from schemes and scams and who to call for help.

11:30 AM to 12:15 PM
Advantira—Making Medicare Work for You.
by Group Health Plan
How does Advantira, a health plan for Medicare-eligible individuals, can provide complete healthcare coverage.

12:30 PM to 1:15 PM
Emergency Response Line
by St. Elizabeth Hospital
A slide and tape presentation of the Emergency Response Line—Life line with a (800) number to follow.

1:30 PM to 2:15 PM
Understanding Medicare & Supplements
by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
An overview of Medicare guidelines & coverage and the types of Medicare supplements and DMOs available.

2:30 PM to 3:15 PM
The Aging Eye
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ENTERTAINMENT

Hectic 'Game' just all in fun

By Chris Waldvogel
Staff writer

Feeling in a rut? Life getting a little too comfortable? Need a little pizzazz?

If "The Game," a glossy, side-winding psychological thriller, answers anything about life, it's what to get from someone who has everything.

And Nicholas Van Orton, a wealthy investment banker played by Michael Douglas, has just that. But the guy's a stick in the mud, a little too detached and comfortable. So his brother, Conrad, played by Sean Penn, decides to give Nicholas a much-needed kick in the pants.

Conrad presents Nicholas with an invitation to call Con-Sumer Recreation Services, a company with vague motives and unclear practices.

Nicholas agrees to participate in the CRS experience, then undergoes an extensive

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series of tests, only to get a call telling him his application has been denied.

But soon, Nicholas realizes all is not hunky-dory; he is in the middle of an ever-changing puzzle that knows no boundaries or rules.

At the game's challenges grow more dangerous and threatening, so does Nicholas. Douglas fits perfectly into the role of a straight-laced, self-absorbed dud who slowly becomes unglued. (Remember "Disclosure" or "Falling Down"?)

Nicholas becomes a walking time bomb, a rambling paranoid who can't trust anyone or anything. And although all evidence points to the fact that it's just a game, each new step keeps Nicholas—and the audience—second-guessing themselves.

The movie mixes existential problems with deep-seated fears. It's a psychological roller coaster ride for the '90s. Not only does Nick have to overcome mundane roadblocks, like spilled coffee,



Michael Douglas and Deborah Unger in a scene from the PolyGram Films release, "The Game."

uncooperative briefcase locks and leaking pens, he also is stripped of everything he knows—money, security and stability.

What makes the film so engaging is the impending doom Nicholas feels. It's the dread of what's to come that keeps the movie rolling. Nick's imagination proves as big a foe to him as his CRS pursuers.

David Fincher's stylish and

creepy direction augments the script's tone perfectly. It's easy to get freaked out by the sets and lighting alone in some scenes.

This, along with good performances from the entire cast, keeps the heavy-handed and sometimes ludicrous plot palatable: It's as if the movie-makers are winking at you, reminding you it's all just in

Village celebrating 275 years

Area residents and others are invited to *renew* to Prairie du Rocher on Sept. 28 for a celebration of the 275th anniversary of the founding of the village.

The French settles there in 1722 and descendants of the original inhabitants now live throughout the United States. For this anniversary event, former residents and descendants of the old French families and friends are urged to join the celebration.

At 9:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Parish Church. St. Joseph's became the parish church after 1765 when the original church, Ste. Anne's near Fort de Chartres, was abandoned under British rule.

At 11:30 a.m. a wayside shrine will be dedicated along the road

to Fort de Chartres. The shrine, a Calvary with three wooden crosses, replicates an 18th century one placed somewhere along the "King's Road" that lead out to the Fort. The Calvary is placed at the junction of Highway 155 and the old road. A short procession to the site will involve representatives of the church, village officials, local organizations and costumed participants representing the 18th century populace.

At 1:30 p.m. in the church hall luncheon will be served and period music will be played.

Anton Pregaldin, noted researcher and genealogist, will discuss the French families and their influence. Also available at the luncheon will be commemorative envelopes which will be hand canceled with a special dated stamp. Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling 284-3463 or writing French Colonial Preservation Society, P.O. Box 163, Prairie du Rocher, IL, 62234. Tickets are \$12.

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Thursday, Sept. 25

This morning, the moon transits through emotional Cancer, and by nightfall, a dramatic Leo moon takes over. With the lunar opposition of Neptune, many will be inspired to speak up. Follow these impulse energies. You are likely to affect change by asserting yourself. People want to please you and will do all in their power to create mutually beneficial relationships.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 25) Accept all forms of wealth into your life. If you're not ready, riches will somehow slip by you. Next month is extremely lucky. Now through November, love is at every corner—choose carefully and wisely since you'll invest a lot of your time with this person! The best signs are Leo and Pisces. This is truly a year of plenty and abundance.**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You attract a loyal companion because you've shown a good example. The boss challenges your ideas—he or she will only strengthen them. Use a tender approach when family is at odds—your mediating skills are excellent.**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Socially, you are in demand, so RSVP to those invites. Show off for those who can turn your talent into a lucrative career. Networking is worth the effort. Your eyes quickly open to the bigger picture.**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) New friendships and business contacts are established. Start thinking of yourself in different stations of employment; after all, you are multi-talented. Strive for a higher salary.**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Lighthearted romances are fun, but you long for true love. A relative makes a surprising announcement. Luck involves a business investment. Avoid internalizing job-related stress.**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Your romantic partner asks for a more serious relationship. Clean out dusty old corners and you'll discover a treasure. Added job responsibilities are more trouble than they are worth.**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Share your success—others need to hear your positive message. Avoid taking advantage of your position of power. Love catches you by surprise. Take all instructions at face value.**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your lucky number comes up more than once today. The windfall is yours if you know when to walk away from the gaming table. Have faith, and others will not let you down.**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) A spouse or a longtime love romances you like never before. Avoid jumping to conclusions—use your best judgment. There is much to gain by keeping your sense of humor in the face of a minor setback.**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Return found money to its rightful owner. Take advantage of an educational or career opportunity that comes your way—a long journey and a lot of money may be involved. You are presented with a difficult choice.**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are unique. Outsiders may not understand the dynamics of your relationships—pay no mind to unsolicited advice. A task you scorned at first becomes your most challenging assignment.**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are most articulate when your temper is controlled. Your latest love gives you the space and freedom you need. Consider the finances of your educational investment. Put your family before your career.**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Relatives support whatever decision you make. Couples' relationships are put to the test—those who emerge victorious have strengthened bonds. Professionals: Demand payment for services rendered.

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